

**TODAY and
TOMORROW**

Long & Losing War For Asia's Enemies

THE Commander-in-Chief of the Australian forces, General Blamey has said in a statement that the Pacific war is not likely to end soon. According to him, it is more likely, there will be sustained campaigning and heavy fighting. Some people, General Blamey went on, has talked of mopping up campaigns on New Guinea and Bougainville. It is not mopping-up to those Australians who have to fight it, he said. "It is a war of survival against an enemy just as ferocious and formidable as he was three years ago. It is war at its worst, and in the worst imaginable country." "Far from being a hungry rabble," Blamey added, "the Nipponese facing the Australians were well-fed, well-clothed fanatics, who knew only the doctrine 'kill or be killed.'"

This is high tribute indeed to Nipponese death-defying valour. But General Blamey is only endorsing on the strength of his own experience, what has been already said by so many high-ranking Britishers and Yankees like General Stilwell who have had occasion to witness in person the magnificent qualities of Nippon's fighting forces.

A good illustration of the magnificent qualities of the Nippon's fighting forces is seen in the ruinous price the Americans have already paid and still continue to pay for their rash incursion into the Ryukyu Islands. Suicide units of the Nippon Navy and Air Force have already destroyed a staggering total of 348 enemy ships in waters around Okinawa.

On Okinawa Island alone, the Americans have already lost over 8,400 men and a vast quantity of arms and other war materials. The merciless pounding the Americans are getting at this moment in the waters around Okinawa is only a foretaste of the gruelling time in store for Nippon's enemies.

The Anglo-American propagandists are at present putting out that the victory over Germany is in sight. We have been hearing this stuff for the last two years. Even supposing Germany collapsed, in the near future, that could not necessarily ensure the Anglo-American victory over Nippon. Now that the pillar of Anglo-American Soviet Alliance, Roosevelt, is dead, it is more likely than ever before that the fall of Germany, if and when it comes off, may snap the slender links that keep the so-called allies together and pave the way for a big clash among themselves. At all events, neither America nor Britain will be in a position to switch off their entire strength to East Asia as soon as the European war is over. For, there will be a triumphant Russian Communism for them to reckon with. So the outlook for the Anglo-Americans in this continent is bound to continue as it is, for quite a long time. All the odds are in favour of Nippon and her allies in East Asia attaining ultimate victory against the twin imperialisms of Britain and America.

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General Blamey Causes Political Stir In Australia

*Pacific War "Far From
Over," Warns Rear
Admiral Ramsey*

Lisbon, April 16 (Domei)—The broadcast made yesterday by General Sir Thomas Blamey, Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Land Forces, in which he suggested that the Americans shoved upon the Australians a costly and major task of clearing out Nippon resistance in the south-west Pacific bypassed areas, and warned that the Pacific war would last for an unpredictable period, has caused a political stir in Australia, according to a Reuter dispatch from Sydney to-day.

Blamey's utterance is understood to have aroused the anger of those Australians who have been criticizing Australian military authorities for the inability of the Australian Army to swiftly crush Nippon resistance in the south-west Pacific with a minimum of Australian casualties.

Australian Prime Minister John Curtin, defending the Australian Commander-in-Chief's statement, today maintained that as General Blamey had been severely criticized, he might at least be allowed to defend his case.

Lisbon, April 16 (Domei)—Rear Admiral Dewitt C. Ramsey, Chief of the American Naval Bureau of Aeronautics, in a speech at Baltimore, Maryland, today strongly warned the American people that the war in the Pacific is far from over, according to a Baltimore dispatch.

Asserting that the "main battles have yet to be fought," Ramsey said that they are going to prove "as costly as the victories already won."

He declared, "The war in the Pacific is not yet won on land or sea, nor in the air or in the factories."

"We must never allow ourselves to forget the increasing difficulties of maintaining our lengthening supplylines across the Pacific" and the fanatical fighting being put up by the Nipponese, Ramsey said.

Mississippi Floods Now Threaten U.S. Cities

Lisbon, April 16 (Domei)—Hundreds of families in Oklahoma, Southern Mississippi and Northern Arkansas evacuated their homes yesterday as the waters of the Lower Mississippi and its tributaries continued to climb toward record flood levels, according to an American dispatch.

The Arkansas River in Oklahoma was reported to be doing the heaviest damage in its sweep toward the Oklahoma-Arkansas border.

22 MORE WARSHIPS SUNK & DAMAGED OFF OKINAWA IN BIG AERIAL ASSAULTS

**348 Ships Sunk, Damaged To Date
1,700 Casualties In Three-Day War**

Tokyo, April 16 (Domei)—Twenty-two more American warships and transports were either sunk or damaged since last Thursday to make the total American losses in the Okinawa areas to 348 ships up to the present, Imperial Headquarters announced in a communique issued at 4.00 p.m. today. This figure includes one aircraft-carrier and two cruisers sunk and two battleships damaged.

The text of the communique reads as follows:

"Firstly, the enemy forces in the southern part of Okinawa main island, although having been dealt a serious blow through our counter-attacks, are reported to be preparing for further attacks. Our garrison units are continuing to smash the enemy's preparation for attack by carrying out artillery bombardment and infiltration assaults. Of losses inflicted on the enemy in this area between April 12th and 15th, it is ascertained that approximately 1,700 enemy troops were killed or wounded.

"Fighting in the Honbu Peninsula Sector steadily grows in intensity.

"Secondly, our air units are continuing to carry out fierce assaults against enemy warships and other vessels as well as task forces around Okinawa main island. Of war results achieved by our units in the course of attacks since April 12th, the following are confirmed up to the present:

"SUNK: One aircraft-carrier, two cruisers, one cruiser or transport, one destroyer, one transport and one warship of

unidentified category.

"DAMAGED: Two battleships and 13 ships of unidentified category."

Nippon Special Attack Units are meting out swift destruction to American ground and naval forces in the Ryukyus. Fresh war results are being achieved day and night as Nimitz's invasion forces reel and stagger under a ceaseless rain of Nippon blows. The mainstay of the American Fleet in the Pacific has suffered irreparable losses, and remnants are now scattered in almost disorganised groups around Okinawa waters. In a historic three week offensive, Nippon air and sea suicide

Netaji Donates To Thai University & Hospital

Bangkok, April 16 (Domei)—It is revealed that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose recently donated Bhats 250,000 each to the Chulalongkorn University and Chulalongkorn Hospital as an expression of goodwill.

units have knocked out 348 American warships, including the major forces of Nimitz's carrier, battleship and cruiser, concentration. Unable to conceal its existence any longer, the American Pacific Commander on Sunday admitted that Nippon Kamikaze Units were staging heavy attacks against American warships in the Ryukyus. For the last three days, Nimitz said, the Nipponese have been massing planes against American vessels off shore.

23 Foe Carrier-Based Planes Shot Down In Fierce Aerial Duels

Nippon Pacific Naval Base, April 15 (Domei)—Twenty-three enemy carrier planes were sent spinning into the sea in flames on the morning of April 12, when latest Nippon fighters sped out to intercept enemy aircraft reported to be attacking Kikaijima, of the South-western Islands Group.

Roaring out from their base one after another, the Nippon fighters circled over the airfield until all were in fighting formation and then streaked out to seek the enemy.

Swooping down on the enemy planes from out of white clouds, the Nippon fighters hurtled into the midst of the enemy formation with their guns blazing. In the brief aerial fighting which ensued, the Nippon airmen quickly sent 23 F6Fs and F4Us spinning to the sea in flames.

Foe Suffers Enormous Casualties In Okinawa Battles; 8,400 To Date

Tokyo, April 16 (Domei)—The Dai Honyei announcement today to the effect that the enemy suffered 1,700 casualties in fighting in the southern sector of Main Okinawa Island between April 12 up to April 15 brings enemy casualties up to 8,400 since the landing on the island.

Through close co-operation of infantry and artillery units the Nippon garrison in the southern sector of Main Okinawa Island has hit advancing enemy troops hard in fighting since April 12 and slowed the enemy's offensive. The enemy is at present busy moving up his artillery and supplies in an attempt to renew his offensive. In concert with this action enemy ship bombardment is also being concentrated on the area surrounding Shuri.

Big-Scale Aerial Attacks On Foe Ships Continuing

*Foe Warcraft Off Okinawa
& Kerama Islands Being
Mercilessly Pounded*

A Nippon Base on South-western Island, April 16 (Domei)—Early this morning a large-scale Nippon aerial assault was launched against two groups of enemy warships and vessels off Kerama Islands and Okinawa Main Island, and the attack is still going on, according to latest dispatches received here. So far losses inflicted on the enemy are not known.

The Nippon aerial assault is being directed against a group of enemy warcraft, with two aircraft-carriers as its mainstay which was spotted in the waters South of Kerama Islands, and against another naval formation comprising five battleships, seven cruisers, a score of destroyers and approximately 75 transports, which is hovering off Okinawa Main Island and shelling Nippon land positions.

Lisbon, April 14 (Domei)—An Associated Press war correspondent, in a dispatch from the Okinawa front yesterday, reported that the intensity of fighting on Okinawa Main Island is amply testified by the fact that the American land forces have not been able to advance at all during the past eight days of fighting.

The raging artillery duel between the opposing forces yesterday went into its 11th day with no signs of an abatement, the correspondent said, indicating that the American forces are being pegged down and in many cases being compelled to assume a defensive stand in the face of stiff Nippon resistance.

American Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz's Headquarters today had nothing to report other than to say that the American forces beat off a fierce Nippon counter-assault at dawn yesterday.

120 B-29's Downed & Damaged Over Nippon

Tokyo, April 16 (Domei)—Dai Honyei announced in a communique issued at 4 o'clock this afternoon as follows:

"Firstly, for about two-and-a-half hours from about 10.30 o'clock last night, April 15, approximately 200 B-29's raided principally the south-western Tokyo-Yokohama district. Numerous fires were caused within the city area by the enemy's indiscriminate bombing but were practically all extinguished by 5 o'clock this morning.

"Secondly, war results achieved (Continued on next page)

Another Model Farm Established In Syonan

Syonan, April 16 (Domei)—Managed and run by local Malays, who but a short while ago were office workers in the city, the Bugis Farm, comprising 180 acres of former rubber-estate land, is being speedily converted into a large food-growing area between Bedok and Ulu Bedok, off Changi. The opening of this farm will further ensure this island's sufficiency in foodstuffs in the future.

Aided by the Agricultural Section of the Syonan Military Administration, farmers are each allotted one acre of land to cultivate for a start. This area is to be enlarged in due course when more crops are grown. The first plot of 40 acres was given over to cultivation during the first week of February this year and already great progress has been recorded.

Typical crops being cultivated include sweet potatoes, maize, tapioca, yams, fruits including papayas and bananas, and various other kinds of table greens.

Judging by the work now being carried out at this farm, it is estimated that the 40 acres will be fully cultivated by the end of next month after which a secondary plot of rubber-land will be cleared.

In conjunction with the growing of vegetables and other foodstuffs, livestock raising and poultry farming have now been introduced. Two large ponds in the heart of one rubber estate likewise have been given over to the breeding of local Malayan fish.

Women's Service Corps Here Goes Into Action

Syonan, April 16 (Domei)—The Jalan Besar Boys' School padang was the scene of feminine activity yesterday afternoon when the Women's Service Corps of the Auxiliary Police (areas 4 and 5 'C' division) turned out en masse for a practice display illustrating various phases of public defence work.

Among the items on display were fire-fighting and first-aid work. Sufficient testimony to their prowess as passive defence workers of no mean order was given when a blazing fire was extinguished in an amazingly short period by the W.S.C. girls, led by Shotai Cho Teresa Tec. Assistant Quan Leen Neo, and Fuku Taichos Goh Sok Cheng and Lim Geok Teok.

Those in charge of the training of the girls include the Syocho of Beach Road Police Station, Mr. Tanaka, Keisatsu Boku Sidon, Mr. Iwagani and Auxiliary Police Assistant S.M.A.H. Chishty.

120 B-29's Downed & Damaged Over Nippon

(Continued from previous page) ed by our air defence units confirmed up to the present include 55 planes shot down and more than 50 planes heavily damaged.

Dai Honyei's new communique reads as follows:

"As a result of further investigations it has become known that the number of enemy aircraft shot down during the enemy raid on the south-western section of Keihin (Tokyo-Yokohama) district on the night of April 15 has increased to 70."

'Freed' France In Throes Of Great Chaos, Disaster

Tokyo, April 15 (Domei)—The French situation, both politically and economically, has become so grave that the country is in the throes of great chaos. The food problem constitutes a great menace with hunger demonstrations almost daily occurrences in almost all parts of the country and French authorities are afraid that revolution may break out at any moment.

Following their so-called liberation the French people were expecting the promised help and assistance of the Anglo-Americans but little did they realize that their lot would be out of the frying pan into the fire. Under one pretext or another the Anglo-Americans have evaded the fulfilment of their commitments. Shipping shortage, the war with Germany and Nippon and other silly excuses have been brought forth to hoodwink the Frenchmen.

The Anglo-Americans have not only left France in the lurch after she has served their purpose, they are now also casting covetous eyes on French colonies. This fact has been clarified on a number of occasions by American Government officials. They have very often stated that the United States intends to control strategic French possessions located in various parts of the world, including French islands in the Pacific and her possessions in West Africa.

The British, on the other hand, under certain flimsy pretexts have occupied Madagascar and they are also planning to bring Syria and Lebanon into their fold.

The French authorities are putting up a bold front against this Anglo-American move but how far they will succeed is left to be seen, for France is helpless and very weak.

Major-General Patrick Hurley Now In Moscow

Lisbon, April 16 (Domei)—Major-General Patrick Hurley, American Ambassador to Chungking, has arrived in Moscow from Washington on his return trip to Chungking, according to a Moscow dispatch.

Following a brief visit in the Red Capital, Hurley is slated to continue his journey to Chungking.

The American Ambassador recently was recalled to Washington in order to report to the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt on latest developments in the Far East as affecting Chungking-American relations.

Intensification Of Nippon Operations In S. W. Pacific

Lisbon, April 15 (Domei)—Indicating that Nippon troops in by-passed areas in the South-west Pacific are continuing to offer stubborn opposition, an Australian Army announcement today reported intensified Nipponese operations in Northern Bougainville, Northern New Guinea and in New Britain, according to an Australian dispatch.

Australian troops in Northern Bougainville were said to be encountering the heaviest Nipponese artillery shelling so far experienced, while increased Nipponese pressure was reported in Northern New Guinea. In New Britain, the announcement said, Nipponese forces are beginning to take the initiative.

Fierce Defensive Fighting Rages In Central Germany

Berlin, April 15 (Domei)—The German High Command today announced that defensive fighting in Central Germany increased in violence yesterday with relatively strong American combat units forcing a crossing of the Saale River and thrusting toward the east. American formations advancing on Leipzig and Chemnitz, south-east of Leipzig, however, were halted in the outer defence zones, the communique said.

South-east of Magdeburg, approximately 100 kilometres north-east of Leipzig, German grenadiers were said to have hurled back to their original starting points American troops who had crossed the Elbe, taking numerous prisoners.

In Holland Canadians attacking at Arnheim and Deventer, the communique said, gained only local success, while the situation between the Ems and Lower Elbe remained essentially unchanged.

On the Eastern Front between the Neisse confluence and Oderzruch, the Soviets made numerous attacks strongly supported by tanks mainly in the area of Kuestrin, but the Germans held the Red Army in check. The German High Command said hard defensive fighting continued yesterday between the Drava and Danube, and in the western Vistula plain swaying battles were in progress at Gottswalde.

On the Italian front, German forces battling in the mountainous area south-west of Vergato yesterday were reported to have held out, aside from minor penetrations, against renewed enemy assaults preluded by strong artillery action.

Harry Truman Appeals For American Support

Lisbon, April 16 (Domei)—American President Harry Truman, in his first speech before the joint session of Congress since assuming presidency following the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, today declared that America's war program will remain unchanged despite Roosevelt's death, according to a Washington dispatch.

After lauding the late President, Truman strongly urged the American people to give him full support in the conduct of the war. Appealing to the members of Congress, he declared, "Only with your help can I hope to complete one of the greatest tasks ever assigned to a public servant."

Truman's speech was only 15 minutes long.

Nippon Air Corps Blast Kita & Naka Airfield

A Nippon Base on South-western Island, April 16 (Domei)—Knifing through an intense curtain of fire flung up by enemy anti-aircraft batteries, Nippon aerial special attack corps yesterday evening struck at the enemy-held Kita and Naka airfields on Okinawa Main Island, causing large fires at various points. Their bombs were seen to score direct hits on air establishments.

One vessel of unspecified category also was heavily damaged and set ablaze in Katena Bay by the Nippon raiders.

Welfare Assn. President Opens Destitutes Home

Syonan, April 16 (Domei)—In the presence of community leaders and officials from the Syonan Special Municipality, the Malai Destitutes' Home was formally declared open yesterday by the President of the Malai Welfare Association, Tuan M. Hassan Awang.

The new Home, situated at Geylang Serai, is being run by the Malai Welfare Association assisted by the Welfare Department of the Special Municipality. Hundreds of destitute Malays and the poor of other communities are at present being cared for here.

This Home will function on the same lines as the Chinese Destitutes' Home, its objects being to give relief and succour to all poor and needy persons in this city, both Malays and those from other communities as well.

Strike Suspends Work In Ford Assembly Factories

Lisbon, April 15 (Domei)—American B-24 bomber production ran into a snag on Friday night when 300 workers employed in the Ford Willow Run assembly plant in Detroit laid down their jobs as the result of a labour dispute, according to a Detroit message.

The strike led to the suspension of work at three other Ford plants in the Detroit area.

SYONAN TOKUBETU-SI NOTICE No. 36.

Re: Recruitment of Third Batch Apprentice Dressers.

The Third Batch of Apprentice Dressers are being recruited as follows:—

1. Number to be recruited: 30.
2. Eligibility: Male youths between the ages of 16 and 23 who have graduated from public school or who possess equivalent or higher qualifications.
3. Examination: On April 25th from 10 a.m. at the Chu-oh Byoin.
4. Subjects of Examination: Test of character and physical examination.
5. Applications will be received at the Chu-oh Byoin up to April 22nd.
6. Other Information: (a) Period of apprenticeship: 6 months commencing from May 1st. (b) Place of Training: Syonan Tokubetu-si Hozyo-i Danki Yoseizyo (Short Course Dressers Training Institute, Chu-oh Byoin). (c) Treatment: during apprenticeship free tuition will be given with a monthly allowance of \$30 and working clothes provided, but no board or lodging. Those who pass the graduation examination will be qualified as 3rd Grade Dressers. All graduates are obliged to work at a place to be designated by the Tokubetu-si authorities at an initial salary of \$50/- per month.

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169, Batu Road, Kuala Lumpur.
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Aussie Army Chief Warns Against Over-Optimism

Lisbon, April 15 (Domei)—General Thomas Blamey, Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Land Forces, strongly warned in a broadcast today against optimism concerning the early termination of the fighting in the Pacific, declaring that it is more likely that the anti-Axis powers will have to face sustained campaigning and heavy fighting, according to a London dispatch.

Referring to Australian military operations, Blamey regretted the belief held by some people that the Australians are simply engaged in "mopping-up" campaigns in New Guinea and Bougainville. He inferred that the Americans should upon the Australians an ungrateful and major task when they transferred the lian hands.

Blamey said that the fighting now going on in the by-passed Southwest Pacific is not simply "mopping-up" but "war at its worst in the worst imaginable country," adding that the Nipponese being encountered in the Southwest Pacific are just as tough as they were three years ago.

"Far from being a hungry rabble, the Nipponese facing the Australians are well-fed, well-clothed fanatics, who know only the doctrine of 'kill or be killed,'" the Australian Commander declared.



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